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SUBJ: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, ANNUAL UPU GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUP
MEETING OF MAY 1

REF: GENEVA 3156

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY (BY AGENDA ITEMS) OF DISCUSSION AT ANNUAL
MEET ING OF UPU GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUP HELD AT EMBASSY BERN ON
MAY 1:

ITEMS 1 AND 2: UK DEL GAVE REPORT ON LAUSANNE CONGRESS, 1974
AND ON MATTERS OF CONTINUING INTEREST ARISING FROM CONGRESS.

(TWO UK WRITTEN REPORTS AIRPOUCHED DEPT).

ITEM 3: BUDGET OF 1975 AND 1976: A) CEILINGS: IT WAS NOTED
THAT BOTH BUDGETS CAME WITHIN TOKY AND LAUSANNE CONGRESS
CEILINGS. JAPANESE REP, CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FINANCE
COMMITTEE, SAID FOLLOWING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WOULD FACE COUNCIL:
REPORT FOR INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES,
POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF MINI-COMPUTER IN 1975, POSSIBLE CREATION
OF NEW POSTS FOR COMPUTER WORK AND PROPOSED RESTORATION,
EXTENSION OF SEVENTH FLOOR OF UPU BUILDING. SWISS REP SAID IT
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR UPU TO USE SWISS PTT COMPUTER SYSTEM,
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ALTHOUGH SWISS HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE EXTRA STAFF FOR THE

PURPOSE. B) PERSONNEL CHANGES: CANADIAN REP NOTED THAT INAUGURATION OF NEW STATISTICAL SERVICE WOULD LEAD TO NEED FOR MORE COMPUTER SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ASKED TO AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS, FOR STATISTICAL SERVICE. ITALIAN REP, CHAIRMAN OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, STATED THAT AS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NATIONAL INFLUENCE AND NEED FOR FAIR GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION WAS AFFECTING PROMOTION OF UPU OFFICERS AND EC MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO INTRODUCE RULES GOVERNING PROMOTIONS WITHIN UNION. US DEL NOTED THAT DG WOULD ASK EC FOR AUTHORITY TO FILL A VACANCY ON UPU STAFF IF AN APPOINTEE APPROVED BY EC DID NOT ARRIVE IN BERN WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF HIS APPOINTMENT. JAPANESE DEL ASKED SUB GROUP TO CONSIDER FOR ENDORSEMENT AMENDMENT TO APR 2 OF ARTICLE 1 OF EC RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH STIPULATES THAT ONLY EC SHOULD HAVE POWER TO CREATE OR ABOLISH POSTS WITHIN GRADES P-4 TO P-2. HE DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN CREATION OF POSTS AND APPOINTMENT TO POSTS. CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN, DUTCH AND UK REPS POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EC RULES OF PROCEDURE MIGHT BE UNACCEPTABLE UNDER TERMS OF LAUSANNE CONVENTION AND SUBJ-GROUP AGREED THAT JAPANESE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER STUDY. (TEXT OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL AIRPOUCHED IO/TRC).

C. TA FUNDING: CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT DG'S EFFORTS TO RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR UPU SPECIAL FUND FOR TA FROM OIL-RICH STATES HAD NOT BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL SO FAR, BUT THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE CONTINUING. MR STOCK (US) NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PROPOSAL TO UTILIZE A 15,000 SWISS FRANC BUDGETARY SAVINGS ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE UPU BUILDING FOR OTHER PURPOSES IF APPROVAL WERE GIVEN FOR TRANSFER FROM ONE BUDGET ARTICLE TO ANOTHER. SUCH A TRANSFER WOULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT SINCE SUB-GROUP HAD AGREED COULD LEAD TO TRANSFERS FROM WITHIN ORDINARY BUDGET TOWARD TA, WHICH SHOULD ONLY BE FUNDED FROM UNDP OR UPU SPECIAL FUND.

ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTIONS TO UPU: SEVERAL MEMBERS NOTED THAT NEITHER USSR NOR CHINA HAD YET INDICATED ANY INCLINATION TO JOIN THE 50 UNIT CONTRIBUTION CATEGORY. KUWAIT HAD AGREED TO UPGRADE FROM CATEGORY 1 TO 3 AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBYA TO DO THE SAME WERE UNDER WAY. CANADIAN DEL EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT INTENTION OF REDUCING CONTRIBUTIONS OF POOREST COUNTRIES HAD NOT YET BORN FRUIT SINCE CERTAIN LA COUNTRIES HAD

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RECLASSIFIED THEMSELVES DOWNWARDS. FURTHER APPEALS FOR UPWARD RECLASSIFICATION WOULD BE MADE.

ITEM 5: REPORT ON GG SUMMIT CONSULTATIONS (FEB 4-6)
CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT SUMMIT HAD ASSIGNED UPU SUB-GROUP FOUR TASKS: A) TO CONTINUE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL OF UPU PROGRAM WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING ITS EFFICIENCY; B) TO PREPARE A PAPER PARALLEL TO FORTHCOMING ECOSOC IN-DEPTH STUDY OF UPU IN 1975,

WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, THE FAO GG
STUDY BEING USED AS A MODEL; C) TO DISCUSS WITH DG (IF APPROPRIATE)
THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE ACC OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FULL BUDGETING
CONTRARY TO THE GG POSITION THAT SEMI-FULL BUDGETING SHOULD BE
USED; AND D) TO URGE UPU TO RATIFY STATUTES OF INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
SUB-GROUP TOOK NOTE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, ACCEPTED WITH
THANKS OFFER OF ITALY TO PREPARE PAPER FOR IN-DEPTH ECOSOC STUDY
OF UPU AND AGREED THAT AS NEITHER FULL OR SIMI-FULL BUDGETING
WERE APPLICABLE TO PRESENT UPU BUDGETING METHOD, THERE WAS NO
NEED FOR THE CO-CHAIRMAN TO CALL ON THE UPU DG ON SUBJECT.
SUB-GROUP ENDORSED UPU COOPERATION WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
ITEM 6: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: SUB-GROUP AGREED TO MEET
AGAIN IN MAY 1976 EITHER ON DAY PRECEDING NEXT EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL MEETING OR ON MORNING OF FIRST DAY OF EC MEETING
DEPENDENT ON IMPORTANCE OF EC AGENDA ITEMS TO BE
CONSIDERED AT OPENING SESSION. ABRAMS

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